# Euramerica: The Story of Us The Jamestown Colony

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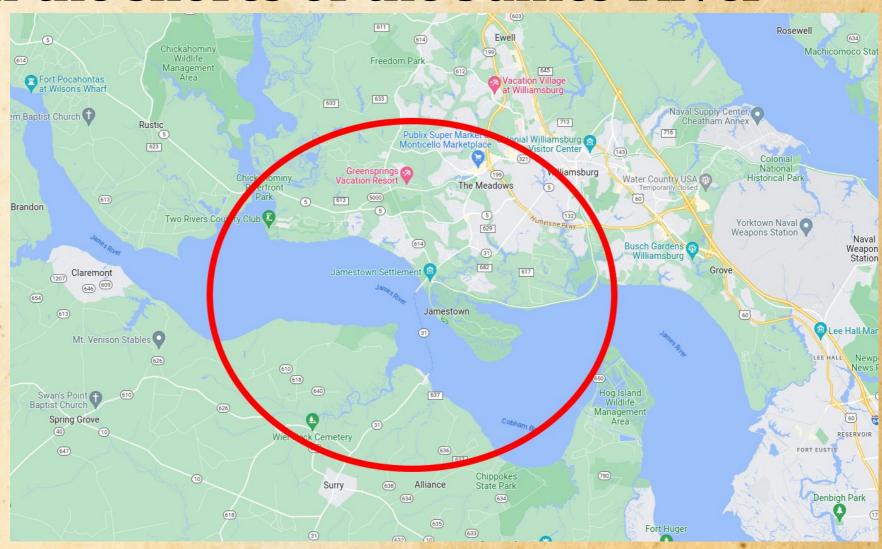
Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in North America.



### Located in Virginia



#### On the shores of the James River

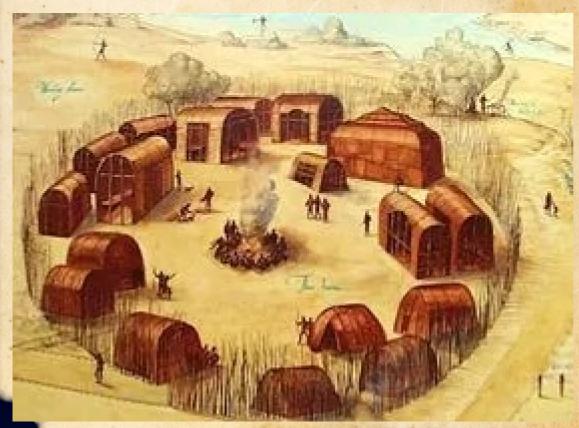


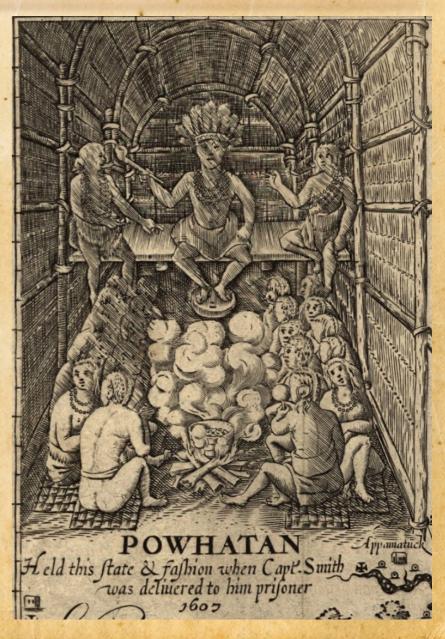
It was established as James Fort in 1607 with 104 settlers.



- The region was inhabited by the Powhatan Confederacy
- Like all Indians, they were constantly fighting each other and often hostile to the Jamestown settlers
- The tribe initially accepted the Jamestown settlement because the settlement was in a swamp and the Powhatan chief thought the British could be an ally against the other Indian tribes, the Spanish and French

The Powhatan Indians lived a virtually stone-aged existence in small villages.





Reconstruction of a Powhatan village





In 1608, Poles, Germans and the first two European women arrived.

But, this was a tough time. In 1609 to 1610, Indians besieged the colony and more than 80% of the colonists died from starvation and disease. The colony had 500 people at this time and only about 61 settlers survived that winter.

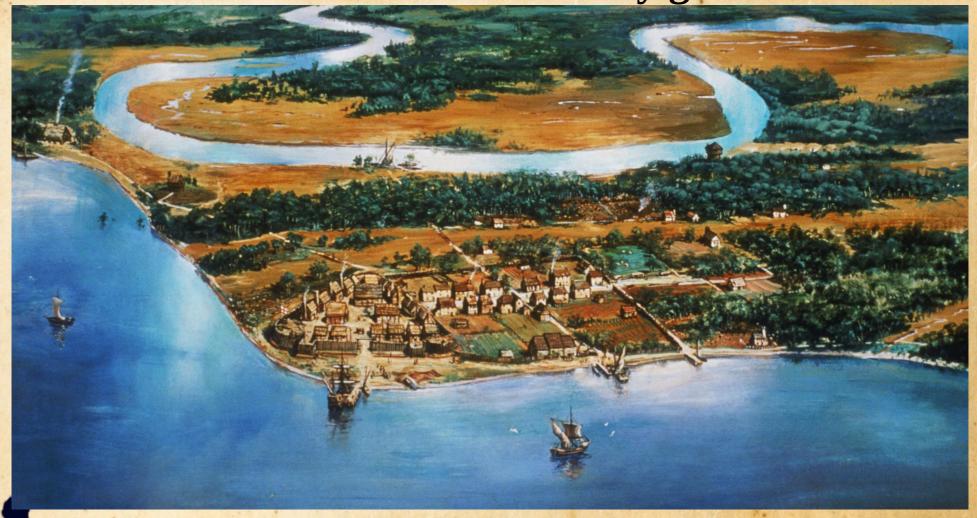
Indian attacks were so great and so many died that there was risk of losing everything

James Fort was briefly abandoned in 1610, but was permanent after that.

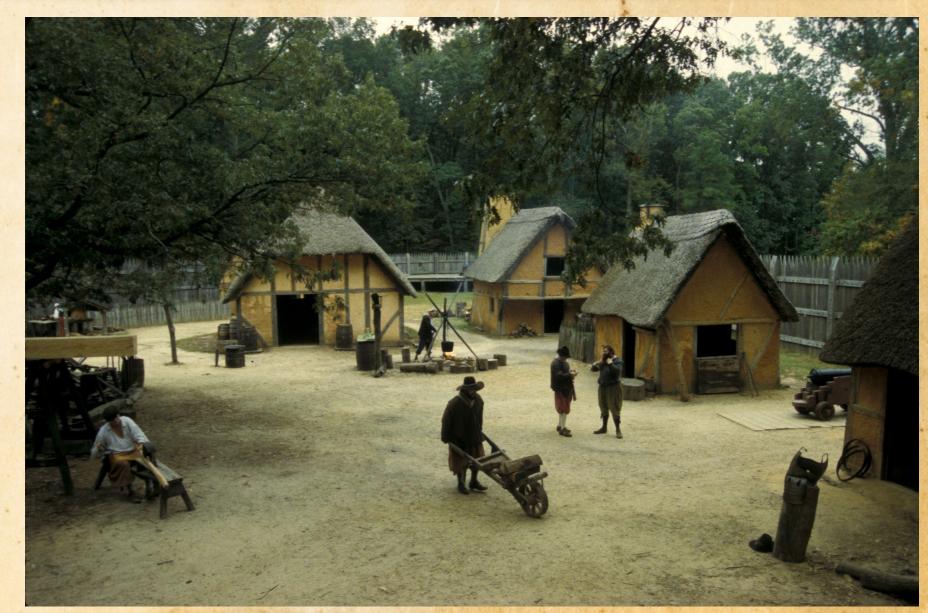
A resupply ship arrived just as they abandoned Jamestown and they returned.

- After 1610, the settlement continued to grow
- More ships came with more colonists
- The population continued to grow
- Six Thousand came between 1608 and 1624
- Only 3400 survived that period

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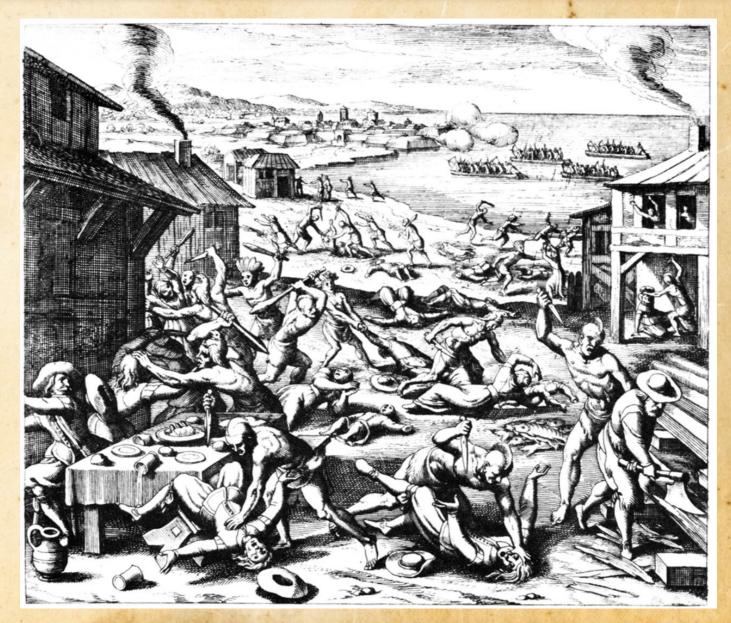


## Jamestown Colony Business and industry grew



- Indian Attacks became more serious
- IN 1622, the new Powhatan Chief, Opecancanough, waged a genocidal war against the colony.
- Feigning friendship, Powhatan warriors entered the fort and then began killing men, women and children.
- This became known as the "Indian Massacre of 1622"

• Indian Massacre of 1622



- Indians killed 347 people
- One quarter of the Jamestown colony died
- The Colony eventually won the war against the Powhatan confederacy

- Jamestown survived the 1622 massacre
- Continued to grow
- Tobacco became a significant crop

Growing Tobacco at Jamestown



Fort James became Jamestown in 1619.

Jamestown was the colonial capital from 1616 to 1699.

Tobacco was a primary cash crop for the colony.

- Euramericans Thrived and our numbers grew
- Other towns sprang up around the Jamestown colony
- Other colonies established as well
- Jamestown was burned in 1676 by a colonial rebellion against a governor that refused to control the Indian massacres; it was rebuilt
- By 1644, the population was as high as 8,000

- As the first, permanent English colony, Jamestown signifies the birth and growth of the Euramerican nation
- Our ancestors struggled, fought, died and thrived in a tough hostile environment but conquered the threats and eventually built a new civilization for Euramericans



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